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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1615
Kuhrts, Eric H.) Examiner: Di Nola
Serial No.: 09/495,556)
Filed: February 1, 2000) Pasadena, California
For: SUSTAINED-RELEASE)
MICROENCAPSULATED)
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2000. By this Response, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of all presently-pending claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-29, and add new claims 30-50.